

Queen Mary Botanic Garden Advisory Committee minutes, 07th December 2022

Present Joanne Hamilton, Lyn Box, Ros Small, Deirdre Freeman, Janelle Patching (Sec)

Apologies, Brenda Proctor and Dorothy Patton (Pres)

Ros Small-moved, seconded Lyn Box

Minutes from previous meeting true and correct, moved Ros Small, seconded Jo Hamilton.

Matters arising previous meeting

Dorothy's sent a report though in her absence- report discussed and attached

Covered by insurance at working bees as long as Advisory Committee member is present.

Working bees- Dorothy report gave plant details in report.

Collection of seats Dierdre offered to collect Friday 09th December, Deirdre advised the chairs are flat packed, Ros offered to paint and stain over the coming weekend so they could then be assembled to get then installed for the Christmas holiday period to accommodate travellers.

Ros suggested a plaque be put on the chairs "Donated from Friends of the Gardens".

Jo Hamilton to follow up watering of long bed and newly planted plants.

No other items from previous minutes moved Lyn Box seconded Deirdre Freeman

Business arising

Meeting dates for the 2023 year:

Feb 15th 2023 – Annual General Meeting and General Meeting.

April 19th 2023

June 21st 2023

Aug 16th 2023

Oct 18th 2023

Dec 06th 2023

Gardeners report

Nil gardeners report – Jo spoke to Sharon and Georgina to get email address so they can come to friends meetings and they can do a garden report for meetings.

Other business

New Seats colour will be black enamel to match other new seats.

Working bee Wednesday 14th Dec to install seats if the paint is completely dry. If not the goal is before Christmas.

Discussion of removal of couch grass from long bed.

Friends sink to be taken to council depot to be removed from the cellar roof of the mechanics.

Next meeting 15th Feb Annual General Meeting and General Meeting

Meeting closed 6.15pm.

Report to Dec Meeting.

Mary Scully from the NG Shire has confirmed that Comm. member are still covered under the Shire Insurance scheme.

Members of the Friends group not on the Advisory Comm. would also be covered when working with Advisory group members.

Two working bees have been held since the last meeting.

Weeding and bed preparation was followed by planting at the 2nd one.

Salvias have been planted in groups of four and two column Crab-apples are in with a third one to be planted when available.

Small pink Dreamaria will form a border along the front of the bed.

Completing the installation of the watering system is now critical to ensure they cope with the summer ahead.

Bismarck Palm and Foxtail Palm were suggested by Jason at the last Meeting.

Bismarck Palm grows to 9 and up to 18 metres high.

Silver green - native to Madagascar and doesn't need much water once established.

Foxtail Palm grows to 6-7 metres and can be quite wide.

Look effective when planted in groups of three.

Drought tolerant.

Blue/ green in colour and native to Qld.

Dierdre has kindly offered to arrange collection of the seats to be placed in the shade under the verandah.